

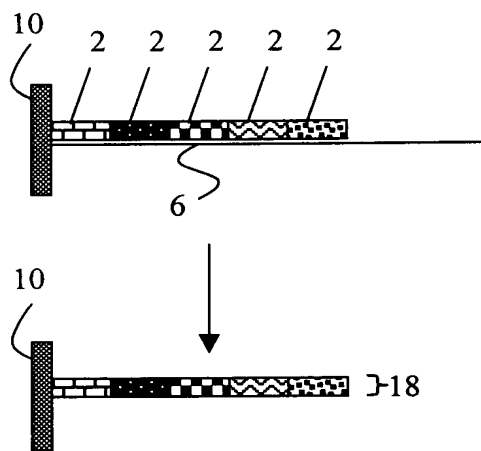
Exposing a bound target nucleic acid (6) to a plurality of probes (2).



Exposing the target nucleic acid and probe mixture to an agent that preferentially degrades single-stranded nucleic acid.



The absence of mutation in the target nucleic acid is determined when the target nucleic acid is not cleaved into more than one double-stranded nucleic acids upon exposure to the agent that preferentially degrades single-stranded nucleic acid.



COPY OF PAPERS
 ORIGINALLY FILED

FIG. 1

09/988,491 - 02/19/02

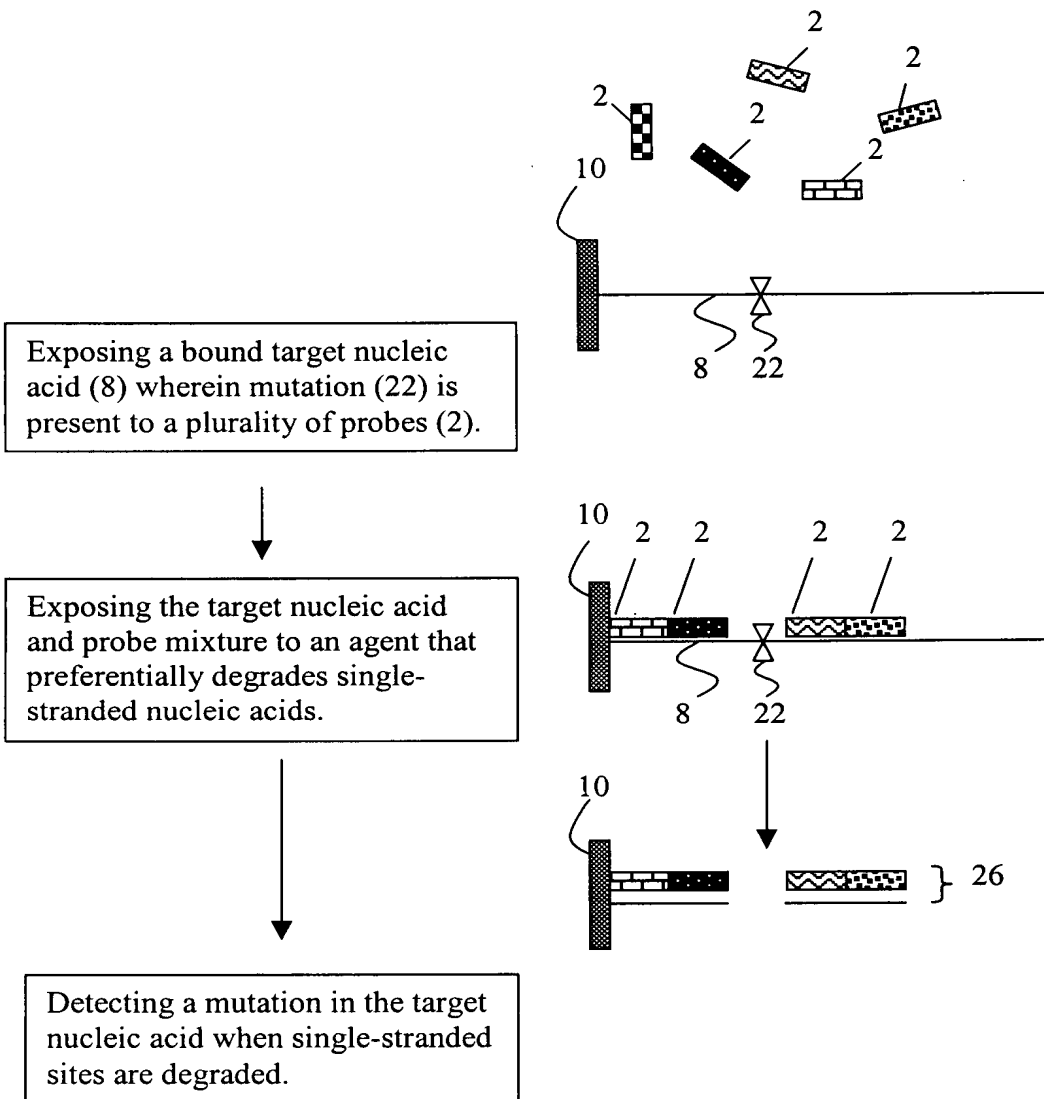


FIG. 2

COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

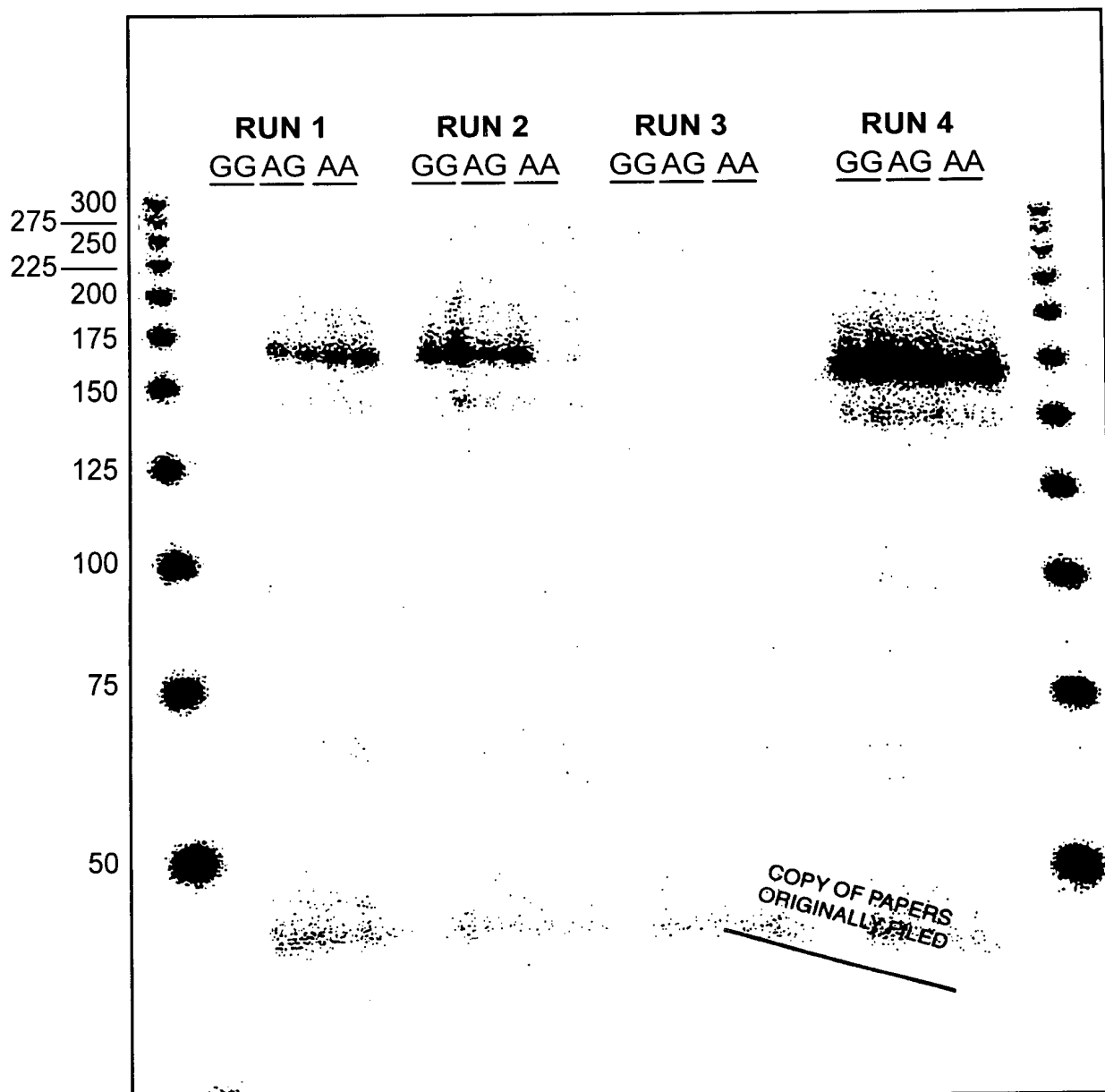


FIG. 3